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PROJECT NEWS

Kingshighway to Undergo Road Diet

As soon as late April or early May, the City will begin reconstructing Kingshighway from First Capitol to Elm Street, converting it from its current four-lane configuration to a three lane design. The project will use what is known as a road diet, a transportation planning technique whereby the number of travel lanes is reduced in order to achieve systemic improvements. Partially funded by a Federal grant and the St. Charles County half-cent transportation sales tax, the reconstruction project will result in one northbound lane, one southbound lane and a center, two-way left turn lane. Sidewalks will be upgraded to current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards. Shoulders will be improved to be safer for pedestrians and bicyclists. Several traffic signals will be improved and synced for enhanced traffic flow. Despite what you might think, studies have shown that road diets do not add to congestion and actually result in a 20 - 45% reduction in collisions. This section of Kingshighway has some of the highest traffic accident rates in the city. This particular City project has been in development since early 2013.

You can learn more about road diets at: http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/road_diets/

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